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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

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INFO AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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FOR NEA/AFN - WILKINSON

FOR AID

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, MO

SUBJ: VISIT OF AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL OFFICIALS

REF: (A) STATE 204930, (B) CASABLANCA 972, (C) CASABLANCA 974,
(D) MERRILL/ANDERSON TELEX OF 8/26/77 (NOTAL),
(E) TRAUBENBLATT/KNOLL MEMO OF JULY 28 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES SUBJECT VISIT WHICH WE BELIEVE HAS GOOD CHANCE OF RESULTING IN MUTUALLY PROFITABLE JOINT VENTURES IN FISHERIES SECTOR. WE CONSIDER THAT MOST APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR SOLICITING INVITATION FROM GOM AND/OR ONP TO INVESTIGATE PROJECT IN MOROCCO IS FOR AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL TO APPROACH MOROCCAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, PREFERABLY AMBASSADOR BENJELLOUN DIRECTLY. NEA/AFN MAY WISH TO OFFER COUNCIL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. IN LIGHT OF HIGH EXPECTATION GENERATED BY PROPOSED AGRIBUSINESS INVESTMENT CORPORATION (REF E) (WITH WHICH AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL INVOLVED)

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AND LIMITED RESULTS SHOWN TO DATE, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER NOT TO BE OUT IN FRONT OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES IN PUSHING GOM ON THIS. EMBASSY AND AMCONSUL CASABLANCA PLEASED TO FOLLOW UP ON COUNCIL REQUEST AND ASSIST WITH APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING.

2. FOR NEA/AFN: PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BY COMMERICAL CABLE AND/OR TELEPHONE TO AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL (CABLE ADDRESS:

AGRIBUSCON):

QUOTE ATTN: MR. EZRA MERRILL
DELIGHTED AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL CONSIDERING VISIT TO MOROCCO.
BELIEVE MISSION HAS GOOD CHANCE OF RESULTING IN MUTUALLY
PROFITABLE JOINT VENTURES IN FISHERIES SECTOR HERE. ALSO
WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECT (LAAD-TYPE ORGANIZATION) WITH COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MUELLER DURING HIS STAY. FULLY UNDERSTAND COUNCIL'S POLICY
OF OBTAINING INVITATION FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS. BELIEVE BEST
WAY TO SECURE INVITATION FROM MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT AND OR SEMI-
GOVERNMENTAL ONP FOR PLANNED SEPT 28-OCT 2 FISHERIES MISSION IS
THROUGH MOROCCAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. IF POSSIBLE, YOU SHOJLD
BE IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR BENJELLOUN WHO HAS EXCELLENT CONTACTS
AMONG THE MOROCCAN OFFICIALS BEST PLACED TO ASSIST MUELLER GROUP.
REGARDS, ROBERT ANDERSON, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. END QUOTE

3. FOR AID: RE MISSION'S PROPOSED AGRIBUSINESS PROJECT
AND IN VIEW REF E MEMO, WE WONDER IF FOLLOW-UP MEETING
WITH AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. ALSO,
DOES MUELLER PLAN TO MEET WITH COUNTRY TEAM RE
AGRIBUSINESS PROJECT DURING THIS TRIP?
ANDERSON

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